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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, the 6th August 1946.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, Mr. President (the HON. SRI R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Maintenance of evacuees from Burma and Malaya.

* 7 *Q*.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) what arrangements have been made for the maintenance of evacuees, especially orphans from Burma and Malaya;

(*b*) whether the children are being maintained in institutions in the province, and if so, the names of institutions and the number of children maintained by each of them;

(*c*) what the rates of maintenance grants given are;

(*d*) what provision exists for supervising such institutions;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that there are many girls among the orphans whose future is a matter of concern to the institutions in which they are maintained; and

(*f*) whether the Government will be pleased to review the whole question of the future of the orphans so that necessary arrangements are made to settle them in life?

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI.—" (*a*) According to the Government of India's scheme of financial assistance to the evacuees, repayable monthly maintenance allowances ranging from Rs. 14 to Rs. 150 per head subject to a maximum of Rs. 350 for a family are being granted for the maintenance of the evacuees. For children the rates vary from Rs. 4 to Rs. 20 per head. These allowances are based on the pre-evacuation income of the evacuees. Special allowances for clothing and medical expenses and allowances for schooling, training in shorthand and typewriting and University education are also being granted. Refugee orphans who are not under the guardianship of their friends or relatives, are being maintained in certain orphanages and institutions recognized by Government. Test Works have also been opened in Vizagapatam district to provide employment for evacuees and their dependants.

" (*b*) Yes. The names of the several institutions maintaining them and the number of children in each are given below :—

Name of institution.	Number of orphans.
(1) Hindu Gurukulam, Asokapuri, Villupuram, South Arcot	27
(2) Madras Sevasadan	50
(3) Anjuman-e-Himayath-I-Islam, Vaniyambadi and Gooty	30
(4) Avai Home and Orphanage, Adyar	57
(5) St. Thomas Convent, Mylapore	1 .

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Name of institution.		Number of orphans.
(6)	Valluvar Gurukulam, Kadaperi, Tambaram	48
(7)	St. Mary's Convent, Vellore	4
(8)	Don Bosco Orphanage, Vellore	10
(9)	S.G.P. Mission Orphanage, Muddanur, Cuddapah	3
(10)	Methodist Mission Girls School, Royapeta	1
(11)	Ramakrishna Mission Students' Home, Mylapore	1
(12)	Madras Hindu Sevak Sangh	18
(13)	Stanes European High School, Coimbatore	4

"(c) The Government are assisting the orphanages and institutions by the payment of contribution of Rs. 16 per mensem per orphan which includes expenditure on medicine and clothing, but not schooling charges which are given separately.

"(d) The Protector of Emigrants, Madras, and the District Labour Officers in the mufassal have been directed to inspect the orphanages once a quarter and submit reports about the welfare of the orphans. Collectors also inspect the orphanages occasionally.

"(e) No specific instances have been brought to the notice of Government except that two girls in the Avai Home and Orphanage, Adyar, wanted to get married. One was assisted to marry and was discharged from the house. The other case is being examined. The scheme for the long-term maintenance of orphans, would provide also for the settlement of the refugee orphan girls.

"(f) The question of the future of the orphans has already been taken up for consideration by the Government of India and they propose to introduce a scheme for the long-term maintenance of refugee orphans from Burma, Malaya, etc. When the scheme is introduced, it will provide for the education, marriage, adoption and disposal of property, etc., and thus enable them to settle in life."

SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—"May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government will be pleased to extend these concessions to the orphans of the victims of cholera and smallpox which ravaged Malabar in the year 1943?"

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—"The hon. Member may put a separate question about it."

SRI B. BHEEMA RAO :—"May I know whether in the case of students studying in colleges, hostel accommodation is provided?"

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—"I take it that the reference is to the orphans among the evacuees from Burma and Malaya. I want notice."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I know, Sir, whether the Government get any contribution from the Government of India towards the maintenance of these orphans or whether this Government bears the whole cost?"

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—"A separate question may be framed and notice given."